GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXPENDITURE REFORMS COMMISSION
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expenditure Reforms Commission has given hisrecommendations for reducing the existing wasteful expenditure of her Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by this Commission as on December 31, 2001;

(c) the details of those recommendations which are yet to be implemented by the Ministry alongwith the reasons for not implementing them till date; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): The Expenditure Reforms Commission has inter alia recommendedwinding up Films Division, Photo Division, Song and Drama Division, Directorate of Field Publicity, Directorate of Publication Division,letting Film Industry handle institutions like Film & Television Institute of India, Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute, Directorate of FilmFestivals and Children`s Film Society, India, disinvesting National Film Development Corporation Limited and Broadcast EngineeringConsultants India Limited and reducing/rationalizing the role of other units. Keeping in view the functional requirements for retaining the various units, it has been decided to rationalize their staff structure without in any way impinging on their operation, for which 1334 posts have been identified for abolition and out of these 334 posts have already been abolished.